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Education

Half a Century

Almost fifty years is it now since the University of Southern California was founded. On Wednesday, September 4, students and faculty of that University began making plans for the commemoration of half a century of educational activity.

One sunny day back in 1880 a large crowd had gathered in the middle of a field, three miles from Los Angeles. Almost a thousand folk were present. To modern citizens their appearance might have brought a laugh, for sidewhiskers adorned many of the men and the women wore bustles, as was the style in 1880. Among that crowd of 1000 people were mixed church dignitaries, civic officials, business men, educational leaders. Looking far ahead were they. In the center of the mass was a rough platform, speakers. A ceremony was going on. They were laying the cornerstone for the University of Southern California.

Before this time, in 1879, the original deed of trust to the University was executed. Later, by the articles of incorporation, the State of California granted the official name, "The University of Southern California." Women as well as men were provided for in a phrase of the articles, namely, "said University shall be open in every respect for equal education of both sexes."

At the first meeting of the board of Directors, on September 3, 1880, the late Reverend Marion McKinley Howard, A.M., was elected president. In more recent years, Howard's auditorium was named after this first president. Then on the next day, September 4, had come the laying of the cornerstone. The exercise was sponsored by the Methodist Episcopal Church. The University during its infant years was identified with this denomination. Now it is non-sectarian.

In the years that followed, the University of Southern California became justly famous both in education and athletics. Many and diversified are the courses offered there. Truly universal are they. And in athletics, U. S. C. has produced many a nationally famous team.

When it officially opened, U.S.C. had fifty-five students enrolled. Now, almost fifty years later, its officials claim a total enrollment of 16,000 students. In 1880, the faculty numbered four individuals; now it numbers 400. Such comparisons show a growth only equal to its home town, Los Angeles. In fact, while Los Angeles doubled its population every ten years, U. S. C. tripled hers.

In the year of its birth the University was reached by a horsecar, slow and uncertain. From Los Angeles it ran twice a day. Now the campus is reached by rapid urban transportation.

Twelve buildings adorn the present campus, and nearby is the gigantic Los Angeles Coliseum and Exposition Park. Far beyond this former three-mile limit has spread the city of Los Angeles, as far as the coast.

Next September when the University begins the week of celebration of its Golden anniversary, twelve men and women of the faculty will have completed over 26 years of service there. They have been appointed as the "Silver Committee."

Oldest in service of all U. S. C. faculty members is President Emeritus George Finley Howard. He began his work in 1881. In 1903 he was elected president. For 18 years he served as "prexy."

Next oldest in service is Dean Laird Stabler, of the College of Pharmacy. In 1894 he first began teaching. A year after Stabler joined the U. S. C., there came in his footsteps one W. F. Skeele, College of Music, now its Dean. Two years later, in 1897, there came to the University's doors one Lewis E. Ford, now Dean of the College of Dentistry.

In 1901 came Professor A. B. Urey, biology; Professor C. E. Pemberton, music; Miss Margaret Borthwick, German. To the University in 1902 came Dr. J. E. Mauer, dentistry. In 1904 came Frank M. Porter, later Dean of the law school, now Dean Emeritus. Finally, in 1906 came Ezra Healy, religion; Adelaide T. Perry, music; and James M. Dixon, literature. All joined up with the then young institution.



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Much Learning

A little learning is a dangerous thing, according to one Alexander Pope, poet of years ago. Southern California, quick to take the old poet's advice, has highly developed its facilities for advanced education. Determined is the Southland that her citizens will have more than just a little learning; that they will have much learning.

An aspiring program is in force among the universities and colleges of Southern California, a program of building, wide and extensive in its scope. Millions of dollars are being spent, great amounts of labor are being used, by different expanding institutions.

At Los Angeles, the new University of California at Los Angeles has completed the most gigantic building program for education, in years. (See News Review of last week.) The latest structure announced for U.C.L.A.'s new campus at Westwood is the Mechanic Arts building. Approximately \$36,000 will be spent on this latest building. The program was announced last fortnight by President-elect R. G. Sprout of the University of California.

Also at Los Angeles is being built shortly the new University of Southern California Gymnasium. Early in September ground will be broken for this \$750,000 structure. Recently also was that University's student Union building finally completed.

San Diego is at work on a \$1,000,000 building program for the new State College, situated in Alvarado Canyon.

Like U.C.L.A. in design, San Diego's new buildings follow the Mediterranean style, specially adapted for California. Picturesque and quaint, this style has been much used in the southern part of the State. A quiet Byzantine note will be found in the ornamentation. This new State Teachers College will accommodate, ultimately, 3000 students.

Now available from the State funds is \$700,000 for the building expenses.

San Diego believes it is getting an institution of proportionate distinction to the community served; modern, beautiful, permanent.

At Redlands, when the money can be raised, a \$500,000 building improvement program will begin on the University of Redlands. At a meeting of trustees last week was this decided.

Also at the meeting President Victor L. Duke told the trustees that his institution had been placed on the list of colleges and universities fully accredited by the American Association of University of Women.

At Santa Barbara, citizens have purchased for the State College a new athletic field. It will be held in trust for the college by the citizens. Near Rattlesnake Canyon is the new field. It cost generous citizens \$12,000.

Pasadena's California Institute of Technology is to spend \$400,000 on new three-story mezzanine and full basement. Atheneum building. By the fall of 1930 it will be ready for occupancy.

Scientist Dr. Robert A. Millikan of Cal-Tech said: "The hall will rise at the axis of the campus. It will be the starting point and center of domestic architecture, around which will revolve the social development and activity of the institution."

So that great thinkers and intelligent leaders may have a rendezvous is one of the purposes in

building the new hall. Membership in the Atheneum will be made up of the scientific and literary staff of the Institute, of Huntington Library, Mount Wilson Observatory, and visiting research scholars.

In Italian style will Cal-Tech's new Atheneum be erected.

From Berkeley to the University of California at Los Angeles last week came Dr. Robert Gordon Sprout, vice-president, comptroller, and president-elect of the University, on a tour of inspection. In connection with his office as comptroller, Dr. Sprout's visit to the Southland was undertaken to complete contracts necessary to placing the Los Angeles campus in readiness for the coming, on September 20, of some 7,000 students.

Continuing his tour of inspection, Dr. Sprout plans his itinerary to include the University of California Citrus Experiment Station, at Riverside, and the University of California Scripps Institution of Oceanography, at La Jolla. Recently chosen by the Board of Regents as the next president of the University, Dr. Sprout will take office July 1930, when the retirement of Dr. William Wallace Campbell becomes effective.

Alert and on the job are school board officials at Lancaster. On September 10 the Lancaster high school will open its doors for the coming term. But this year's opening will be unusual, for included in the high school's curriculum is a junior college course. Thus Lancaster students can remain in the home town and obtain two years of college credits.

On the staff of the newly formed junior college are twelve teachers, headed by Miss Lois Bennik, and headed by Claude N. Settles. Arrangements in the high school were necessary to make room for the additional department.

Other hunters thought this tragedy an added reason why it should be made compulsory to wear red coats while hunting. Reason: wearing red coats, hunters will not be mistaken for the hunted.

At Arizona University Peck was known as a polo player and a captain of the reserve officers. He was in his third year of school. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Peck of Los Angeles, own the Virginia Hotel there.

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Miscellany

Billboard Smokers

If women on billboard advertisements are shown smoking cigarettes and look 18 years old or over, W.C.T.U. members cannot complain—legally speaking.

Pasadena's Assistant City Attorney John W. Holmes has found this out. So have Long Beach and Pomona lawyers. All three city councils have been confronted with petitions from various organizations seeking to have pictures of female smokers barred from billboard, magazine, and newspaper advertisements.

While actual women in real life have the right to spend as many hours a day as they like with Lady Nicotine, painted females on paper pictures cannot legally be deprived of their cigaret, investigators have found.

"Contact" Letter

With interest, Carl Nelson, Jr. watched an airplane hover over the valley near Upland last fortnight, saw it scurry through a low spreading cloud, widely his eyes followed its flight. A white object fell from the ship, fluttered lazily to the valley floor. Nelson, Jr. retrieved the missile, found it to be a letter.

Surprised was the youth when upon presenting the letter to E. M. Kirk, postmaster, he was paid one dollar.

"So that people on the ground will gain a greater personal interest in aviation, the Department of the Interior is using this means to establish 'contact' between the earth and the air," was the reason given for the action by E. B. Keenan, pilot of the plane and a staff member of the Department of the Interior, in Upland.

From Above

Last fortnight, one Joe Crail, son of Los Angeles' Superior Judge Charles Crail and nephew of Representative Joe Crail, suffered concussion of the brain, broken ankle, broken nose, numerous face lacerations. He lay in the hospital for an hour unconscious, for several days, delirious.

Reason: He was up in an airplane, under instruction. Five hours of flying he lacked before he could obtain a pilot's license. His instructor, one Nate Rhine, was flying over Mines Field. Suddenly the plane slipped from a vertical bank into a "flat spin" and "panicked" down to earth from an altitude of 2500 feet.

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MATH TAKES OTHER OF TANT TWINS

Mary McCarthy Succumbs After Rallying in Caesarian Birth—General Saturday

Mary Elizabeth McCarthy, 36-year-old wife of Jared Sidney Torrance, died at the hospital at 12:55 Saturday afternoon after an illness lasting a

few days. Her death was attributed to dilatation of the stomach. McCarthy underwent a Caesarian operation at the hospital last night, August 30, at which she delivered a boy and a girl were

born. She was her husband's fourth child; four sons and two girls; four sisters, John Emery, Mrs. Robert and Miss Gertrude Torrance, and Mrs. Margaret of San Francisco; others, Clifton and John L. Torrance; her parents, Mr. Thomas Lovell of 2012 1/2th street, and a host of

relatives. She was an employee of the George Neill real estate office, leaving there a year and a half ago.

She was 36 years old and born in Sidney, Nova Scotia, and her husband came to Torrance seven years ago. She was a member of the Catholic church, and the Catholic altar services have been held while waiting for Mr. McCarthy to arrive from Scotland, and are tentatively set for Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at the Catholic church.

NEW COURSES OFFERED IN EVENING HIGH

Torrance Evening High opened the school year this week with several new and interesting courses and most of the subjects which were offered last year.

Classes meet in the high school building from 7 to 9 p. m. Tuition is free, the only expense being a book deposit in geometry and a small charge for the welding classes.

Subjects offered are as follows: Band; advanced; Typing, bookkeeping, current and history, mathematics, elementary and advanced; Spanish, French and advanced; dramatics, making, altering; citizenship, Verdes branch.

Wednesday - Thursday: Bookkeeping, machine shop; bookkeeping, stenography, typing, machine.

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Monday: Millinery and flower felt blocking; choral club; amunity singing.

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Monday-Thursday: Mechanical drawing; physical education, women.

Monday - Tuesday - Thursday: Ink, cabinet making.

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Property Owners Protest Ziggaging of Figueroa Explanation of County

Investigation of the reasons for the proposed change of the route of Figueroa street, originally planned to connect with the Wilmington-San Pedro road by way of Machado street, to a point southwest and away from Torrance to connect with Frigate avenue at Reyes street, was started today by the roads and bridges committee of the San Pedro chamber of commerce headed by B. B. Mann. The investigation of the new route, for which surveys were being made this week, at the request of the board of supervisors was ordered yesterday by the board of directors of the San Pedro chamber of commerce in response to numerous requests from property owners protesting the change.

Ernard Opp, president of the Wilmington chamber of commerce, and members of the Figueroa Improvement association are active in support of property owners opposing the proposed change in route which would affect the southerly extension of Figueroa from 16th street to Wilmington and San Pedro road.

The original plans the extension of this street was scheduled to run south on Hoover in a direct line across Ocean and connect directly with Machado street, a plan which the development met with general approval of property owners. The original route, because of its directness and connection with a street already improved, suggests itself as desirable for the extension, according to those familiar with the conditions.

The proposed change in the Figueroa extension plans, which has been brought to the attention of the directors of the San Pedro chamber of commerce, diverges at a point 700 feet beyond Ocean and cutting off a corner of five acres, connects with Frigate street, thus establishing two decided angles and leaving useless 700 feet on Hoover street, objectors to the plan declare. A petition signed by 90 per cent of the property owners affected by the proposed change protests against the routing.

A letter explaining in detail reasons for the proposed change has been promised David M. Carroll, manager of the Figueroa Improvement association, by George W. Jones, county road commissioner.

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ALL SCHOOLS SHOW BIGGER ENROLLMENTS

Substantial Increases in Number of Students Reporting At Two Grammar And High Schools

Enrollment in the high school and the elementary schools is somewhat greater this year than last, according to reports made for Tuesday and Wednesday. Although an accurate check could not be made at the high school, the number enrolled is approximately 515, which is an increase of 29 students for the same period last year. By the end of the week it is expected that the number will be much higher. Four hundred eighty-six students were enrolled at the beginning of the semester last year.

At the elementary school the enrollment had reached 915 last evening, which is an increase over the 899 registered at the same time last year.

Fern street annex announced that 115 students were enrolled at the beginning of the year. Totals of the three show that 1545 students are registered in Torrance schools.

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